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In re application of:

FREYSSINET et al.

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Filed: June 7, 2000

Examiner: J. Grun

For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION F THE PRETHROMBOTIC STATE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 18, 2002

Sir:

In response to the November 15, 2002 telephone conference with Examiner Long Le, and the Notification of Noncompliance dated October 17, 2002, applicants request that the following amendment be entered to place the claims in better condition for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

40. The method according to claim 39, further comprising adding calcium ions when mixing said sample containing said member with the purified receptor specific for a phospholipid.